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In re Patent Application of:
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Art Unit: 1633

For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

Examiner: J. Schultz

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 20, 2010

Sir:

Applicants' representative conducted a telephonic Interview with the Examiner on August 5, 2010. The Interview discussion centered on claims 1 and 21. Applicants thank the Examiner for taking time to participate in the Interview.

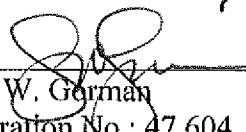
Specifically, language pertaining to claim 21 was discussed and how it could be worded to more clearly include mutants of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Susan W. Gorman, Ph.D, Reg. No. 47,604 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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